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OPENING OF BIO-TECHNOLOGY PARKS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open bio-technology parks in the country during the tenth five year plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of such parks functioning in each State at present;

(d) whether the bio technology park at Turkapalli village near Hyderabad has since been completed;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the park is likely to be established;

(f) the criteria adopted by the Government for setting up such parks in the States; and

(g) the total grants provided by the Union Government to establish such parks in each State during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a), (b), & (c) : Yes Sir, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) has plans to support biotechnology parks proposed to be opened by the State Governments. The Planning Commission has approved the scheme for the 10th Plan period.To begin with approval is for only two biotechnology parks. During the Annual Plan 2003-04 Biotechnology Incubator at Shapoorji Pallonji Biotech Park in Genome valley near Hyderabad and a Biotechnology Park in Biotechnology city, Lucknow have been approved.

(d) & (e) : Government of Andhra Pradesh is developing the Biotech park in Genome Valley in the outskirts of Hyderabad in Ranga Reddy District in two phases and first phase is nearing completion. In the first phase, 142 acres ofland has been developed under the public-private partnership model and nearly 80% of the plots have been allotted. Under the second phase, 162 acres of land was allotted to M/s. Shapoorji Pallonji Biotech Park Private Ltd, the joint venture company of the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the developer.

(f) : The criteria adopted generally for determining the eligibility of a project received from a State Govt/Institution are:the scientific expertise of the particular region; infrastructure; investment commitment by the industry and readiness by the industry to prepare a business plan. In addition commitment of the state to provide basic facilities such as land, electricity, water, communication etc., is also essential.

(g) : The DBT has an allocation of Rs.30 crores for the establishment of Biotech Parks, Incubators & Pilot Level Facilities for the 10th Plan. The Department has earmarked Rs.15 crores for one park and one facility, stated above during the Annual Plan 2003-04. The funds would be provided to various public-funded institutions or autonomous bodies to establish such parks/ facilities in coordination with other agencies.